

Community Health Worker Advisory Committee – Meeting

Monday, May 17, 2021, 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm

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Advisory Committee Members Present

Fay Alexander	La Kerry Dawson	Griselda Funn
Katie Gilligan	Robin Hollar	Jude James
Kevin Jordan	Ryan Moran	Betty Muwwakkil
Rachel Parran	Tiffany Scott	Bradley Tritsch

Maryland Department of Health Staff

Kimberly Hiner	Tina Backe	Rachael Molitor (PHASE intern)
Deborah Donohue		

Welcome & Roll Call/Introductions

Tina Backe opened the meeting. Each committee member introduced themselves.

Opening Remarks

Kim Hiner, Chair, presented opening remarks.

Meeting Minute Approval

The Advisory Committee voted on and approved the February 16, 2021 meeting minutes.

Griselda Fun motioned to approve at 1:25 pm. Bettye Muwwakkil seconded the motion. The Advisory Committee voted and approved unanimously.

CDC-RFA-DP21-2109: CHWs for COVID Response and Resilient Communities (CCR) - Kristi Pier, MHS, MCHES

- Health Equity and COVID-19 specialty certifications
- Vulnerability index around poverty and COVID.
- Comment: What role do CBOs role play in the application?
 - Organizations support CHWs to become certified and link back to health care systems.

CHW Certification Program Update: January 1, 2020- May 17, 2021

September 1, 2019- May 17, 2021

- # of applications submitted to MDH: 908
- # of submitted applications in the review process: 107
- # of CHW certifications issued by MDH: 801
- Note: Deadline for CHWs to apply for certification based on experience is June 30, 2021.

CHW Certification Training Program Accreditation Update: January 1, 2020- May 17, 2021

- # of applications submitted to MDH: 10
- # of submitted applications in the review process: 3
- # of CHW certifications issued by MDH: 7

CHW Specialty Certification - Chronic Disease Management: Diabetes

Rachael Molitor, Johns Hopkins PHASE Intern

Goals: Expert stakeholder meetings to consider the minimum hours required to obtain a specialty certification. May require potential amendments to COMAR.

Plan:

1. Conduct a literature review
2. Develop application and evaluation materials for the stakeholder group
3. Hold 3 meeting (2 hours each)
4. Collect and analyze feedback/recommendations
5. Send recommendations to other MDH/experts for feedback
6. Use recommendations and feedback to draft potential amendments to COMAR
7. Present feedback to CHW Advisory Committee
8. Complete process for adoption of the regulations

Comments:

- May training programs applying for accreditation add on a specialty and offer all at once?
- Might supervised practicum requirement be through an employer?
- Might renewal requirements count toward both general and specialty renewal?
- 80 practicum hours may be high.
- Consistency across specialty certification requirements would assist with ease of implementation and management.

Upcoming CHW Advisory Committee Meetings

- August 16, 2021
- November 15, 2021

Open Discussion

Member of the committee: Vaccinations in West Baltimore, 3 days per week.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn LaKerry Dawson; Seconded by Tiffany Scott; Meeting adjourned at 2:39 PM.